The mission of the San Diego County Archaeological Society is to promote public understanding and appreciation of archaeology in general and to encourage the preservation of the cultural resources of San Diego County.

Calendar

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MEETING INFO: The SDCAS Office is located at Los Peñasquitos Ranch House. During the Fall, Winter, and Spring General Meetings are held on the Fourth Tuesday of each month except December. During the Summer months (June, July, August) General Meetings are held on Saturday evenings, in the courtyard at the Ranch House (see pg. 6 for details of upcoming meetings).

Los Peñasquitos Ranch House

Directions: From I-15 take Mercy Rd. west, turn right (north) onto Black Mountain Rd. and then take the first left into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Follow the road all the way to the back (past Canyonside Community Park ball fields), and park either in the small parking area by the barn or along the edge of the dirt road.

Board Meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. They are held at California State Parks, Southern Service Center offices located in Mission Valley at 8885 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 201.

Editor’s Message

As you can see, the Board of Directors Election Results are finally in (we missed getting them in the last newsletter by only a couple days). We have a good group of folks again this year, but there are a couple non-elected positions still open for anyone who would like to help out. Do you like shopping? Maybe you would be interested in the Sales position. Or if laws and ethics are your thing, perhaps the Legal Research Committee Chair position would be to your liking. The Society will only survive if someone like you takes the time and effort to step up and help out.

Mark your calendars now! The date for this year’s Arch in the Park is Saturday October 18. We cannot continue to put on such a wonderful event without support of volunteers like you! Let any board member know your interest and willingness to help out with this, or other SDCAS events. And remember you do not need to know anything about archaeology to help out.

SUBMISSIONS: Please send articles, stories, poems, or other archaeology-, anthropology-, or history-related items to me at the address below (email works best). Digital documents (word or text files) are preferred, but others will be considered for inclusion. Hard copy photos of your archaeological experiences (fieldwork, vacations, etc.), a cartoon from the newspaper, etc. should be sent as-is (slides, prints, or clippings); or if you have scanning capability or a digital camera, please email them in JPG, TIF, or GIF format. Any hard-copy item you wish returned (such as photos or slides) should be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or arrangements can be made to pick up said items.

The submission deadline for the next issue is April 25. Please send all items to:
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Members’ News Corner
San Diego Archaeological Center’s Archaeology Day
Flint Knapping with Dr. Tim Gross

The SDAC is once again offering an opportunity to create pieces of the past by attending the 6th Annual Flint Knapping Workshop: April 12, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. However, participants in this year’s event will need to have prior knapping experience. Individuals, couples, and families who have previously attended one of Dr. Gross’s workshops will have the chance to spend the entire four hours knapping several material types. No formal lecture will precede the actual hands-on experience. If you have attended other knapping courses held elsewhere in the state, you are also invited to come and share your techniques with other knappers living in San Diego Co.

All knapping supplies will be provided by the Center. Protective eyewear and gloves will be provided for those who do not have their own knapping gear. Appropriate clothing and footwear is required, no shorts.

You are encouraged to bring a sack lunch to eat while enjoying the beauty & serenity of the San Pasqual Valley. Snacks, water, and drinks will be also be furnished.

Cost is $10 for members and $35 for non-members. For more information, call 760-291-0370 or visit the Center’s website at www.sandiegoarchaeology.org. Please register early; space is limited.

For more information on this workshop contact Annemarie Cox via telephone: (760) 291-0370 or e-mail, acox@sandiegoarchaeology.org

SDAC’s Experiment Opportunity

There is still time to participate in the San Diego Archaeological Center (SDAC)’s archaeological research project. The aim of the two-year project is to improve our understanding of how and why grinding tools were used during the past 9,000 years of human history.

The schedule of three-hour sessions is provided below. The schedule includes sessions in March, April, and May. Contact the San Diego Archaeological Center for information on times.

Session #, Day, Date, Time (3 hour period)

5. Friday, 14-Mar. 10. Friday, 25-Apr.

You must pre-register to participate in one or more of the sessions. Please contact Annemarie Cox at 760-291-0370 or send an email to acox@sandiegoarchaeology.org. Please include the date(s) and time(s) in which you would like to attend. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

The San Diego Archaeological Center is located at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027-7001. Website is www.sandiegoarchaeology.org.

Stein Farm Events For 2008

The public is invited to these events at the Stein Family Farm Museum:

FARM DAY
March 15, Saturday, 10:00-4:00
Learn about our past. Our farm, formerly in the outskirts of town is now in the suburbs! This event geared mostly towards interpreting farm work activities.

Washboard laundry, potato planting, learning about farm and Victorian era objects & displays, Tractor Parade, House Tours, Pat the Rooster (and...Farm games).

MAY & ARBOR DAY
April 26, Saturday, 10:00-4:00
We wish to bring back a little of the fun our ancestors had that most of us have never participated in. This is a holiday type of program. May Day arts and crafts, May Pole Dance, Tree Planting, Self Guided Farm map quest; learning about farm and Victorian era objects & displays, House Tours, Pat the Rooster.

EARTH(WORM) DAY
May 3, Saturday, 10:00-4:00
Earthworm Day is our new event. Major theme is contemporary ecological awareness. And, simple things you can do to help. There will be stories featuring earthworms read aloud, earthworm feeding, earthworm races, an earthworm beauty contest, and an earthworm booklet to learn cool worm facts from. This is a particularly good “save the earth” sort of event for kids. Be warned, they may learn (or teach us) some gross worm songs!

The Stein Family Farm is located at: 1808 F Avenue, National City, CA 91950. Visit our website at thesteinfamilyfarm.org. If you are interested in information about these events, or booking a tour or school field trip contact Susan Walter at sdwalter@cox.net or 619-426-5109.

The Save Our Heritage Organisation Annual Historic Home Tour Weekend

Friday, March 14
Architectural Bus Tour
Tour A - Bungalow Courts $30 for SOHO Members $40 for non-members
Tour B - U.S. Army, Fort Rosecrans $30 for SOHO Members $40 for non-members
Tour C - San Diego’s Historic Tile $40 for SOHO Members $50 for non-members
Tour D - Tiki Modern Architecture Tour 2-7pm (Trolley) $50 SOHO Members; $65 non-members
Tour E - Historic Home Tour 10am-4pm (Trolley & self-driven) $25 SOHO Members; $35 non-members
Tour F - Weekend Wrap Up Cocktail Party 5-7pm $30 for SOHO Members; $40 for non-members
Lectures ($15 for SOHO Members, $20 for non-members)

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Call SOHO at 619-297-9327 or 619-297-7511 to register, or sign up online at http://sohosandiego.org/march_event/2008_registration.htm

Tickets will be held for pick up at the Event Headquarters: the Offices of Save Our Heritage Organisation & Whaley House Museum Complex 2476 San Diego Avenue Historic Old Town San Diego, California. Many tours and lectures sell out ahead of time, and tickets bought at the door are an additional $5.

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35th Annual FAB Awards go to Erin Smith and Tim Gross

By Jim Royle

At the end of the year, the members of the SDCAS Board of Directors cast their ballots to determine the recipient of the annual FAB Award. And a long tradition this is, going back all the way to the first year of the Society, making 2007 the 35th year for which the fabled FAB has been awarded.

The balloting for 2007, by the 2007 SDCAS Board, resulted in a tie—the fifth time that has happened. So the 39th and 40th FAB Award recipients are Erin Smith and Tim Gross.

Both Erin and Tim were solid supporters of the work of the Society last year. Among other things, Erin handled our sales table throughout the year and got our great new T-shirts designed and produced (and that’s a hint to all of you who haven’t yet bought yours!). Tim’s contributions for several years running have included chairing the nominating committee, a critically important task.

Thank you, Erin and Tim!

2008 Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Archaeology Weekend

By Marla Mealey, photos by Sam Webb

The Colorado Desert Archaeological Society, Anza-Borrego Foundation, and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park put on a fine Archaeology Weekend event on February 2 and 3, despite having to contend with the blustery weather and Super Bowl Sunday. According to figures from the Colorado Desert Archaeological Society, there were between 1,500 and 1,800 people in attendance over the two days.

The San Diego County Archaeological Society participated in the event with a table and some displays akin to those we have for Arch in the Park (which will be October 18 this year; mark it on your calendars now!). Although most of the Archaeology Weekend field trips had to be cancelled, the speakers were excellent and spoke to good sized crowds. The Native American group from Baja California sold many of their baskets, pots, and other craft items.

On Saturday, I talked Tim Gross into watching the SDCAS table for a while so I could attend some of the lectures. I found the rescheduled lecture by Margie Burton and Patrick Quinn on “Ceramic Research in Anza-Borrego” to be especially interesting.

Aside from Tim Gross and me, there were other SDCAS members who participated or attended the event, including Susan Walter, who sat at the SDCAS table on Sunday, representing both SDCAS and Stein Farm (Thanks Susan!). We passed out a lot of SDCAS archaeological word searches and other information about our society. Thanks again to all who assisted and participated.

Upcoming Speakers

March 25 (4th Tuesday), 7:30 p.m.
Los Peñasquitos

Presenter: George Kline
Title: “The Lost Valley Fluted Point: Research Update 2008”

A field school sponsored in 2002 by San Diego State University, and conducted by Professor Larry L. Leach (Emeritus), produced a fluted obsidian point from a depth of 100 cm. The fact that most Paleoindian points discovered in California are found on the surface, together with the rarity of this phenomenon in San Diego County, makes this find significant. This follow-up presentation reveals the results of several analyses performed thus far and introduces some paleoenvironmental data and some local geological features of note.

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George is employed by General Dynamics NASSCO as an Employee Advisor. He is a finishing graduate student expecting to defend in March or April 2008. His Thesis is on the lithic analysis of the Lost Valley Collection (including the Fluted Point) along with some supporting evidence of other distinct & noteworthy artifacts.

April 22 (4th Tuesday), 7:30 p.m.
Los Peñasquitos
Presenter: Mark Becker
Title: “An Early Archaic and Late Prehistoric Residential Site from the Coast of Camp Pendleton: a Perspective Through Spatial Analysis”

Coastal southern California is the subject of an archaeology debate. Was it the coast or the inland that was intensely occupied during the Late Prehistoric Period? Answering this question partly depends on our understanding of prehistoric mobility, how to properly interpret different types of large sites, and even how to infer what a residential site should look like. Recent excavation efforts at CA-SDI-10723 will help evaluate this question, and associated issues, by first deconstructing common assumptions, and then reconstructing the data through new look at the material remains along with a spatially oriented perspective.

Membership News
By Carol Serr, Membership Chair

Welcome new members: Michael Taylor & Rod McLean! Make sure to introduce yourselves to others when you attend our meetings, so we can get to know our newest members. I met both of them at our Feb. program. Sorry I didn’t think to have you introduce yourselves that night.

Unfortunately, 46 past members have not renewed their dues since Oct., even with e-mail reminders. The address label on the newsletters of those who have not renewed is marked “EXPIRED,” but if you have not renewed by now, I guess you won’t be seeing this message here.

The e-mail addresses we have for the following members no longer work: Dale Griffith and Kevin Mock. Please send me your new one, if you want to continue getting notices. And, for some reason, my office e-mail (where I typically send from) does not go thru to any Earthlink users, as well as a few others, when I send a bulk e-mail announcement. Not sure why this is, when I usually can send these same people an individual message just fine.

Please send me your e-mail address (e-dress) if you haven’t been getting notices via e-mail - or if you recently changed it (some have bounced back undeliverable). Sometimes this is the only way we can notify members of last minute changes. Your e-dress is not shared with the membership or other groups. If you included your e-mail on your application, but are not getting notices - that means the e-dress does not work (or was illegible on the application). Also, remember to let us know you new address when you move, so we can avoid the exorbitant forwarding fee the post office charges us.

To contact Carol please e-mail: sdcas@mail.com (please use “SDCAS” in the subject line)

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Ghost Mountain Experiment Documentary Film
Friday, March 21, 7:00 p.m., Borrego Performing Arts Center, 530 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs. Suggested donation $10. Part of the Ghost Mountain Weekend (also see below). In the 1930s rugged idealist Marshal South and his family moved to a remote mountain top in the Anza-Borrego Desert to pursue a simple back-to-nature lifestyle. This film follows the rise & eventual disintegration of their great experiment in primitive living. Screening is followed by a Q&A with filmmakers John and Lydia McDonald as well as two historians who appear on screen, Diana Lindsay & Bill Worden. There will also be a drawing for free DVDs of the short version of the documentary. Visit www.GhostMountainMovie.com for more info.

Hike to Ghost Mountain
Saturday, March 22, 9 a.m. to Noon. In the 1930s rugged idealist Marshal South and his family moved to a remote mountain top in the Anza-Borrego Desert to pursue a simple back-to-nature lifestyle. The adobe ruins of their home and the elaborate concrete cisterns testify to a great experiment in primitive living. Join filmmakers John and Lydia McDonald and historian Bill Worden for this one mile informative hike. Cost: $25 for ABF Members, $35 for Non-members, http://www.theabf.org/programsfieldprograms.htm to register and for more info.

Traditional Pottery Workshop
Back by popular demand, this two-day workshop is a rare opportunity to learn the traditional paddle-and-anvil coil method of pottery making directly from Paipai artisans of Santa Catarina in Baja California. Materials will be provided for each student to make at least one pot. Code: Pottery. Instructors: Paipai artisans. Saturday, March 15, 9 am - 5 pm, and Sunday, March 16, 9 am - 2:30 pm. Meet at ABDSP Visitor Center Fee: ABF Member $120; Non-member $135. For more information or to register: http://www.theabf.org/programsworkshops.htm

Museum of Man 12 O’Clock Scholar Lecture

Lecture is included with regular Museum admission of $8 for adults; $6 for seniors (over 65), students (with ID), and active military (with ID); and $4 for children 6-17. Lectures are free for Museum of Man members & children under 6. Please call 619-239-2001 for further information.

SDSU Alumni Arts & Letters Chapter’s 4th Annual Meet the Professor
Dr. Seth Mallios will present a program entitled “The Archaeology of Legend in San Diego” on March 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Admission is $5. For questions, contact Robin Luby at 858-459-9455 or rbluby@earthlink.net

PCAS General Meetings
Monthly lecture meetings feature noted archaeologists and anthropologists who provide insight into a variety of topics. Lecture meetings are held at the Irvine Ranch Water District, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue (between the I-5 and I-405), next to the Post Office) in Irvine, on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:30 pm. They are free and open to the public.

• April 10, 2008: Richard Abele: Antarctic Expeditions. (Continued on page 6)
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- May 8, 2008: Dr. Colleen Delaney-Rivera: Topic TBA.

Bowers Museum Event: Dinner and Lantern-Lit Tour with Egyptologist Kara Cooney

Say a final farewell to our dynamic Mummies exhibit with a two-tiered evening on Sunday, March 30, that includes a sumptuous, four-course Middle-Eastern feast and optional wine-pairing followed by a spooky, lantern-lit journey through our Mummies galleries led by Egyptologist Kara Cooney who will tantalize you with tales of Ancient Egypt. This is a dinner and tour you will long remember! Please call Tangata for reservations. Seatings at 5:00, 6:00, or 7:00 PM. Admission: $55. At the Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana.

Chumash Day 10-year Anniversary

Pow-Wow and Inter-Tribal Gathering on Saturday, April 19, 11:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 20, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Malibu Bluffs Park off Highway 1 in Malibu, California. Free admission.

23rd Annual UCLA Pow Wow

May 3-4, 2008, Free Admission! UCLA North Athletic Field, Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095. Gates open at 9:00am. Gourd Dance: Saturday & Sunday at 10am. Grand Entry: Saturday & Sunday at Noon, All Dancers and Singers Welcome! Parking Available in Lot 4 & 7 Parking: $8/day Please come join us this year. We have a special interest in sharing our campus and our Native Culture(s) with everyone. This year we specifically want to expose all people to higher education by exposing Natives and Non-Natives to the UCLA campus and more. Come experience the UCLA Pow Wow! Don’t miss out!

Western Center Museum Lecture: Ancient Egypt

On April 17, 2008, at 7 p.m. Dr. Robert Bates of La Sierra University will discuss old kingdom, new kingdom, scarabs, ostraca, and hieroglyphics. If it is all Greek to you then you need to come to this presentation. Admission is $8 for non-museum members. The Western Center for Archaeology & Paleontology is located at 2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet, CA 92543. Call 951-791-0033 for more info or visit the website at www.westerncentermuseum.org

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San Diego Archaeological Center Receives Conservation Bookshelf

Treasured objects and artifacts held by the San Diego Archaeological Center will be preserved for future generations with help from the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf, a core set of conservation books, DVDs, and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding of the nation’s museums and libraries. IMLS and its cooperator, the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), will award a total of 2,000 free sets of the IMLS Bookshelf by the end of 2008.

Center Director Cindy Stankowski noted, “The Center is thrilled to be honored and recognized with this wonderful resource and support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This is an important asset that will continue the major progress made lately, bringing it closer to the vision we have for the Center, and providing an important tool in meeting the Center’s mission, “to preserve archaeological collections and promote their educational, scientific and cultural use to benefit a diverse public.”

“We are pleased to announce the first group of IMLS Bookshelf recipients. These small libraries and museums are taking up the charge to care for America’s heritage,” said Radice. “A recent national study tells a sobering story about the state of America’s library and museum collections. Without immediate action we stand to lose important collections that are at the heart of the American story.”

The SDAC is among the first to receive this essential set of resources based on an application describing the needs and plans for care of its collections. The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections, with an added selection of texts for zoos, aquaria, public gardens, and nature centers. It addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues.

The IMLS Bookshelf is a crucial component of Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action, a conservation initiative that the Institute launched in 2006. IMLS began the initiative in response to a 2005 study by Heritage Preservation documenting the dire state of the nation’s collections. The multi-faceted, multi-year initiative shines a nationwide spotlight on the needs of America’s collections, especially those held by smaller institutions, which often lack the human and financial resources necessary to adequately care for their collections. For more info. on the Conservation Initiative: http://www.imls.gov/news/2007/www.imls.gov/collections

About the San Diego Archaeological Center

The San Diego Archaeological Center was created in 1993 to provide an archaeological curation facility for the San Diego Region. The Center was the first nonprofit organization in the nation dedicated solely to curating and sharing archaeological collections with the public. Planning is underway to create a spacious and light-filled lobby, enhanced exhibition space, classroom, library and research areas. A new entryway will feature native plant landscaping designed to promote conservation, outdoor exhibit and seating areas, water elements and improved signage to promote the Center as a regional tourist destination.

The Mission of The San Diego Archaeological Center is “to preserve archaeological collections and promote their educational, scientific and cultural use to benefit a diverse public.”

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.imls.gov.
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Malki Museum’s Agave Harvest & Roast

The Agave was a main staple of the Cahuilla and other Southern California Indian tribes. Join us and learn how they harvested the Agave the first Saturday and then how they roasted the Agave the next Saturday.

HARVEST: April 26, 2008, 10:00 AM at the Cahuilla Tewanet Overlook on the Palms to Pines Highway (74). Cost: $10 per person donation accepted.

This fourteenth annual event is sponsored by the Malki Museum. To guide you, Malki’s long time friend and supporter, Daniel McCarthy, will demonstrate and lead the harvesting of Agave. Bring your walking shoes and call the museum to reserve your spot: 951-849-7289.

Directions From Banning: Take I-10 and exit HWY 243 South toward Idyllwild. Turn left on HWY 74 at Mountain Center and continue for approximately 24 miles. From Hemet: Take HWY 74 east past Mountain Center toward Palm Desert. The Overlook is approximately 40 miles from Hemet. From Desert: Take the 111 South. Turn South on Monterey Avenue which becomes HWY 74 (west) and continue for approximately 9 miles. Overlook is on the left side of the highway.

ROAST & FOOD TASTING: May 3, 2008 at the Malki Museum, 11-795 Fields Road, Morongo Reservation, Banning, CA. Cost: $10.00 per plate.

The Agave will be cooked, along with other delicious Native foods, and served at Noon. Those who arrive early can see the Agave removed from the roasting pit. All are welcome. We ask that you reserve your place by calling the museum (951-849-7289) to make sure enough food is prepared.

A Fresh Look at Traditional Native Foods

Spirit Keepers Lecture by Gary Paul Nabhan, Ph.D. (Center for Sustainable Environments, Northern Arizona University). Mizell Senior Center, 480 S. Sunrise Way (at Ramon Road), Palm Springs, March 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Information: www.accmuseum.org.

A Taste of Native Cuisine

Chef Paul Woods (Spa Resort Casino), will provide a taste testing of traditional foods (acorn meal, mesquite beans, a variety of seeds and fruits). Agua Caliente Cultural Museum (Palm Springs), March 22, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Fee: $25. Information: www.accmuseum.org, 760-778-1079.

The Society for California Archaeology’s Annual Meeting

The SCA annual meeting will be held in Burbank, April 17-20. For more information please visit their website at: www.scahome.org.

Obituary

“I remember Kaye…”


By Trish Mitchell

Kaye Miller, long-time resident of Pine Valley, CA died unexpectedly February 7th, 2008. Kaye was born in Lander, Wyoming in 1935 but made her home for a great part of her life with her husband Jerry and a multitude of feline companions in Pine Valley, CA. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Miller; her sister, Vonnie Adams of Martinez; and her brothers, C.K. Adams of Casper, Wyoming, and Douglas Adams of Washington state. Services were held for her in Alpine, CA at the Christ the King Episcopal Church, but she will be returning to Lander, Wyoming to her final resting place.

Kaye graduated from SDSU in 1977 with a B.A. in Anthropology and was an active member of the archaeological community. Most archaeologists who did any work in San Diego County in the 1970s and 1980s worked with her at some point in their career.

When I remember Kaye, I remember her from 20 years ago when I was her intern at the South Coastal Information Center (SCIC). Kaye was the local representative of the SHPO and for many years the only person conducting records and archival searches for the local Cultural Resource Management firms. According to Lynn Christenson, who succeeded her at the SCIC in the 1990s, for some of that time Kaye worked without pay because she understood the importance of the SCIC. She was willing to do record searches and keep the maps up to date all on her own.

When I remember Kaye, I remember the little cubicle in the basement of the Social Sciences Research Lab at SDSU that use to be the SCIC, quite different from the large suite we now have. Kaye and I worked with all that data in a small cube, quietly chatting as we did our record searches. Every once in a while I’d look up from my maps to see her gone, her sweater removed from the coat stand as she slipped out to have a smoke. Only to return a few minutes later, cheerful and ready to get back to assigning those darn trinomials. Kaye was always a pleasure to work with and I always looked forward to seeing her smiling face.

After suffering a series of strokes, Kaye retired from SCIC but stayed active in the archaeological community. Kaye and her husband, Jerry, were also long-time members of the San Diego County Archaeological Society (SDCAS). Kaye was the membership coordinator for SDCAS in 1979 and Jerry was Treasurer in 1991 and 1992. For decades now, Kaye and Jerry have been welcoming faces at the monthly SDCAS general meeting and she will be greatly missed.

When I remember Kaye it will always be for her warm and familiar face.
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